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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/58/572/Add.2)*]

58/283. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision 58/560 of 23 December 2003,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system,[1] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] as well as the note by the Joint Inspection Unit[4] submitted in response to General Assembly decision 58/560, clarifying further some of the recommendations contained in its report,

1. *Concurs* with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Takes note* of the comments of the Secretary-General and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination;[2]

3. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system[1] to the extent that they apply to the United Nations, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Recognizes* that recommendations 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 10 are directed to executive heads, and invites executive heads to consider those recommendations;

5. *Takes note* of recommendation 1, and agrees with the Joint Inspection Unit that governing bodies should take the steps they consider necessary to ensure

[1] See A/57/442.
[2] A/57/442/Add.1.
[3] A/57/434, paras. 5 and 6.
[4] A/58/714.

that extrabudgetary resources are accepted for purposes that are consistent with programme priorities and approved mandates;

6. *Also takes note* of recommendation 4, and draws the attention of legislative organs to the practice of the United Nations Children's Fund under which interest earned on some extrabudgetary contributions is retained by the organization, and invites legislative organs to consider the applicability or relevance of this practice to them;

7. *Further takes note* of recommendation 9, and agrees with the Joint Inspection Unit that legislative organs should enact support cost policies to ensure that extrabudgetary resources continue to be mobilized and deployed effectively so as to further the mandated activities in developmental, humanitarian and other substantive areas, and also agrees that those policies should be straightforward, transparent, easy to administer and must provide for a consistent and equitable approach to special arrangements.

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58/284. Special Court for Sierra Leone

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the Special Court for Sierra Leone[1] submitted in response to the exchange of letters between the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, as an exceptional measure, to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 16.7 million United States dollars to supplement the financial resources of the Special Court for Sierra Leone for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2004, on the understanding that any regular budget funds appropriated for the Court would be refunded to the United Nations at the time of liquidation of the Court should sufficient voluntary contributions be received;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in concert with the Management Committee, to redouble efforts to raise voluntary contributions to support the work of the Court, and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on progress made;

4. *Appeals* to Member States, as a matter of urgency, to contribute voluntary funds in support of the Court and to honour existing pledges;

5. *Notes* that the Court is expected to complete its work by 31 December 2005;

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[1] A/58/733.

[2] S/2004/182 and S/2004/183.

[3] A/58/7/Add.30. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the Court to adopt a completion strategy, and also requests the Secretary-General to inform the Security Council and the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session about this matter;

7. *Invites* the Management Committee to review the structure of the Court with a view to minimizing the cost of completing the Court's work, without adversely affecting the implementation of the legal agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone.[4]

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[4] S/2002/246 and Corr.2 and 3, appendix II.

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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/58/750)*]

58/285. Human resources management

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Charter of the United Nations, in particular Articles 101 and 97,

Reaffirming also the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,

Reaffirming further the prerogative of Member States to supplement or amend the Staff Regulations, in accordance with regulation 12.1,

Reaffirming that the Secretary-General, as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Organization, shall provide and enforce staff rules consistent with the broad principles of personnel policy for the staffing and administration of the Secretariat,

Reaffirming also that all provisional rules and/or amendments to the Staff Rules should be consistent with the intent and purposes of the Staff Regulations and should be reported to the General Assembly in accordance with regulation 12.3,

1. *Notes* the practice in the Organization of determining personal status for the purpose of entitlements as are set out in the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations by reference to the law of nationality of the staff member concerned;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to reissue Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/2004/4 after reviewing its contents, taking into account the views and concerns expressed by Member States thereon;[1]

3. *Notes* the absence of the terms referred to in paragraph 4 of the bulletin in the context of the existing Staff Regulations and Rules, and decides that the inclusion of those terms shall require the consideration of and necessary action by the General Assembly.

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[1] See A/C.5/58/SR.32, 35, 38 and 39; and A/58/PV.83.

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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/58/751)*]

58/286. Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 55/230 of 23 December 2000, 56/245 of 24 December 2001 and 57/284 A and B of 20 December 2002,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2002,[1] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the programme of work of the Unit for 2003,[2] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the preliminary listing of reports for potential inclusion in the programme of work of the Unit for 2004 and beyond,[3] the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit,[4] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Unit on the preliminary review of its statute and working methods[5] and notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports of the Unit on the in-depth review of its statute and working methods,[6]

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2002;[1]

2. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the programme of work of the Unit for 2003;[2]

3. *Also takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the preliminary listing of reports for potential inclusion in the programme of work of the Unit for 2004 and beyond;[3]

4. *Further takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit;[4]

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/58/34).

[2] A/58/64.

[3] A/58/291.

[4] A/58/220.

[5] A/58/343.

[6] A/58/343/Add.1 and 2.

5. *Takes note with appreciation* of the active contribution of the Unit to the review of its statute and working methods;[7]

6. *Welcomes* the internal reform process undertaken by the Unit, including its strategic framework and its internal working procedures, and urges the Unit to continue these efforts;

7. *Requests* the secretariats of the United Nations and all participating organizations to facilitate the work of the Unit, including in particular by offering full access to all information, as required by the Unit;

8. *Reiterates once again its request* to the executive heads of the participating organizations that have not yet done so to take the steps necessary to facilitate the consideration of and action on the system of follow-up to the reports of the Unit, and invites the legislative organs concerned to consider the system and take action in that regard;

9. *Decides* to revert to the issue of the reform of the Unit at its fifty-ninth session.

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[7] See A/58/343 and Add.1 and 2.

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58/287. Review of the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/218 B of 29 July 1994 and 54/244 of 23 December 1999,

Recalling also its resolutions 57/289 of 20 December 2002 and 58/253 and 58/255 of 23 December 2003,

Having considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia,[1]

Takes note of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.[1]

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[1] See A/58/677.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/58/582/Add.1)*]

58/288. Implementation of paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 57/323

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 57/323 of 18 June 2003,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 57/323[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the proposal by the Secretary-General[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Decides* to postpone to 30 June 2004 the return of the remaining 50 per cent of the net cash available for credit to Member States as at 30 June 2002, in the amount of 84,446,000 United States dollars, in respect of the fund balances of the United Nations Mission in Haiti; the United Nations Observer Group in Central America and the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador; the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force; the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters; the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group; the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola; the United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda and the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda; the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan; the United Nations Transition Assistance Group; and the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia;

3. *Also decides* that credits or disbursements to Member States may be made at the discretion of the Member State concerned as from 1 July 2004;

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[1] A/58/723.

[2] A/58/732.

[3] See A/58/723, para. 6.

4. *Encourages* Member States that are owed credits for the closed peacekeeping mission accounts to apply those credits to any accounts where the Member State concerned has outstanding assessed contributions.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*without reference to a Main Committee (A/58/L.60/Rev.1 and Add.1)*]

58/289. Improving global road safety

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 57/309 of 22 May 2003 and 58/9 of 5 November 2003,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the global road safety crisis,[1]

Noting the recommendation contained in the report of the Secretary-General that a coordinating body be identified within the United Nations system to provide support in this field[2] and the recommendation that the United Nations regional commissions undertake certain activities,[3]

Convinced that responsibility for road safety rests at the local, municipal and national levels,

Recognizing that many developing countries and countries with economies in transition have limited capacities to address these issues, and underlining, in this context, the importance of international cooperation towards further supporting the efforts of developing countries, in particular, to build capacities in the field of road safety, and of providing financial and technical support for their efforts,

Commending the initiative of the Government of France, the World Health Organization and the World Bank in launching the *World Report on Road Traffic Injury Prevention* in Paris on 7 April 2004, in observance of World Health Day, with the theme "Road safety is no accident", which contains a number of recommendations,

Also commending the United Nations regional commissions and their subsidiary bodies for responding to the above-mentioned resolutions and to the report of the Secretary-General,

1. *Takes note* of the recommendations contained in the *World report on road traffic injury prevention*;

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[1] A/58/228.

[2] Ibid., para. 44 (*a*).

[3] Ibid., para. 44 (*k*).

2. *Invites* the World Health Organization, working in close cooperation with the United Nations regional commissions, to act as a coordinator on road safety issues within the United Nations system;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in submitting his report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session in accordance with resolution 58/9, to draw upon the expertise of the United Nations regional commissions, as well as the World Health Organization and the World Bank;

4. *Underlines* the need for the further strengthening of international cooperation, taking into account the needs of developing countries, to deal with issues of road safety.

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